

Pol-Soc Resources

General

The Central Statistics office

Reliable information on a variety of topics

<https://www.cso.ie/en/index.html>

ESRI

The ESRI (Economic and Social Research Institute) is a policy-focussed body that hopes to improve economic sustainability and social progress in Ireland. Some super information on their site.

<https://www.esri.ie/>

The Children's Ombudsman

Independent human rights body responsible for promoting and monitoring children's rights in Ireland. Directly accountable to the Houses of Oireachtas

<https://www.oco.ie/>

Freakonomics

The Freakonomics site has lots of really accessible info on elections, policy-making, healthcare and education to name just a few of the topics they cover. The Radio tab has some great searchable resources.

<https://freakonomics.com/>

Houses of the Oireachtas

The Oireachtas site has some decent resources and prompts available. There are research ideas, lesson plans and virtual visits available here...

<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/visit-and-learn/teachers-and-students/senior-cycle/>

Infographics on Dail and /Seanad elections 2021

Produced by the Oireachtas Library team, these have some really useful data on recent election cycles

https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/communications/other/2021/2021-05-19_dail-and-seanad-elections-politics-and-society_en.pdf

Irish Nation Against Racism

A national network of anti-racism civil society organisations ,which aims to work collectively to highlight and address the issue of racism in Ireland.

<https://inar.ie/>

Social Justice Ireland

Independent Think Tank that aims to provide independent social analysis and evidence-based policy proposals. Lots of tie-in with the Pol-Soc strands.

<https://www.socialjustice.ie/>

Institute for Future Media and Journalism (FUJO)

Coming from DCU, this research body is focused on the digital transformation of media, democracy, and society and, I quote, "Investigates how to counter digital pathologies including disinformation and digital hate; how to enhance public participation through democratic innovations; and how to secure the sustainability of high-quality journalism"

The 'research' and 'blog' tabs on this site could be a mine of information.

<https://fujomedia.eu/>

The DBQ

What are they asking?

<https://twitter.com/PolSocMaynooth/status/1321178368071634945/photo/1>

Key Thinkers

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/uploads/resources/32068/31810.pdf>

Very useful key thinker profiles that are referenced in the Pol-Soc curriculum. Done in graphic form from Financial Justice Ireland.

<https://www.financialjustice.ie/education/key-thinker-profiles-politics-and-society.html>

Effects of Globalisation

Article from Jeff Rubin on the impacts of globalisation on ordinary people. Very interesting read.

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/lifestyle/artsandculture/arid-40212188.html>

Reports

IHREC

Report from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, submitted to the 3rd Universal Periodic Review Cycle for Ireland – very useful for Topic 5

https://ihrec.ie/app/uploads/2021/07/IHREC_UPR_2021_FINAL.pdf

Sustainable Development Goals Report

This 2020 report is a great source of contemporary data and discussion re. CoVid and the developing world. A lot of topic 8 is covered here.

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/>

World Development Report

But what is the data revolution doing for the 700 million people who live in extreme poverty? This latest edition of the World Development Report from the World Bank provides a blueprint on how to harness the power of data for development, to ensure no one is left behind.

<https://wdr2021.worldbank.org/>

European Press Freedom Index

Wondering which countries are not happy to have their citizens know the full story?

Wonder no more!

<https://www.euronews.com/2021/05/03/world-press-freedom-day-which-are-europe-s-lowest-ranked-countries-for-journalistic-freedom>

Role of Media in a Democracy – Marriage Equality

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/same-sex-vote-the-moment-where-social-media-proved-its-mettle-1.2223792>

<http://forachange.org/case-study-yes-equality/>

The Paris Climate Agreement

This is a handy 'at a glance' reference to the agreement signed in 2015

<https://www.nrdc.org/stories/paris-climate-agreement-everything-you-need-know>

Podcasts/Audio

The Pol-Soc Podcast

format of the final 50-mark DBQ question will be. I don't know either, but this blog (and handout) are my 'best guess'.

<https://polsocpodcast.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/making-recommendations-based-on-data-sets-kh.pdf>

John Rawls and Modern Political Philosophy

This is amazing. You can listen to John Rawls' Course on "Modern Political Philosophy" (Recorded at Harvard, 1984). In these talks, Rawls explains and expands on his core principles: equality of opportunity and the "difference principle," which states that any and all inequality should benefit the least well-off members of a society.

<https://www.openculture.com/2015/06/free-listen-to-john-rawls-course-on-modern-political-philosophy-recorded-at-harvard-1984.html>

Media Tribe

Listen to the story behind the story from some of the world's most critically acclaimed journalists, directors and media executive

<https://www.thismediatribe.com/>

Key thinkers

You Tube series of videos on the key thinkers on the course.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1UsNwc4qu8cxCffhPaHQwj7sBk0MtIJd>

Sociology of Education

Useful podcast when thinking about educational disadvantage. For example, check out Episode Three: "Inequalities in student experiences and outcomes" with podcaster Dr Melanie Ni Dhuinn of TCD and Professor Emer Smyth from the ESRI

<https://audioboom.com/channels/5047940>

The Philosophy Short Course....tackles Pol-Soc

Daniel McCrea has updated the strand on the Short Course site to include a range of great material for Social & Political Philosophy. Check it out below.

<https://www.philosophyshortcourse.com/strand-08-social-political-philosophy>

Border Kitchen Blog

Series of videos on core aspects of the Pol-Soc Course.

<https://theborderkitchen.blog/leaving-cert-politics-and-society/>

The Irish Legislation Podcast

Presented by Senator Barry Ward, The Irish Legislation Podcast is a weekly look at legislation as it passes through the Oireachtas. Each episode consists of a roundtable discussion with politicians (of all sides), and other commentators, on a specific piece of legislation. Great opportunity to hear legislators, experts and ordinary citizens debate legislation before it becomes law.

<https://audioboom.com/channels/5034291>

Harvard Justice Lectures

Michael Sandel philosopher and force of nature is, putting it mildly, a very interesting man, and you can hear his lectures here. Covers so much, even The Case for Canibalism! Don't miss them.

<https://justiceharvard.org/>

The Sustainability Agenda

A weekly podcast exploring the big sustainability questions. Leading sustainability thinkers offer their views, share the latest thinking, identify what's working –and what needs to change to ensure the future of sustainability.

<http://www.thesustainabilityagenda.com/>